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**Eligibility:** Individuals, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, commercial organizations, Federal, State, local and Indian tribal governments, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, and international organizations are eligible. Only those who submit preliminary proposals by the deadline are eligible to submit full proposals.

**Cost Sharing Requirements:** Applications for RDTE facility cooperative agreements must include additional matching funds equal to at least 20% of the NOAA funds requested. Other federal funds and in-kind services are eligible to satisfy the match requirement. Applications for startup grants have no cost sharing requirement.

**Intergovernmental Review:** Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

## 2. NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration Announcement of Opportunity, FY 2006

**Summary Description:** The NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration (OE) is seeking pre-proposals and full proposals to support its mission to search, investigate, and document unknown and poorly known areas of the ocean and Great Lakes through interdisciplinary exploration, and to advance and disseminate knowledge of the ocean environment and its physical, chemical, biological, and historical resources. Successful OE proposals will be relatively high-risk, innovative and broad-based in terms of their approach and objectives. OE is soliciting proposals whose objectives fall within one of the following categories: General Exploration, Marine Archaeology, and Education.

**Funding Availability:** NOAA OE anticipates that approximately \$14,000,000, including ship and submersible costs, will be available through this announcement. Submissions focusing solely on technology development will not be accepted. Total funding estimates are: General Exploration \$13,000,000; Archaeology \$600,000; and Education \$400,000. Subsequent to this announcement, OE plans to publish another Announcement of Opportunity for a reduced amount of FY06 funds to enable the office to timely and

effectively respond to unforeseen opportunities or events occurring after the submission deadline below.

**Statutory Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 883d. **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance:** 11.460, Special Oceanic and Atmospheric Projects.

**Application Deadline:** Pre-proposals are required for all categories and must be received by August 5, 2005. Full proposals are also required for all categories and must be received by October 3, 2005. No e-mail or facsimile pre-proposal or proposal submissions will be accepted.

**Address for Submitting Proposals:** Pre-proposals are required for all categories and must be submitted as a paper application to: ATTN: Proposal Manager, NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-713-9444. For full proposals, applicants should apply online (<http://www.grants.gov/>) but paper submissions to the address above are acceptable if there is no Internet access available. No e-mail or facsimile pre-proposals will be accepted.

**Information Contact(s):** For further information contact the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration at 301-713-9444 or submit inquiries via e-mail to the Frequently Asked Questions address: [oar.oa.FAQ@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.oa.FAQ@noaa.gov). E-mail inquiries should include the Principal Investigator's name in the subject heading.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments. Applications from Federal agencies will be considered. Please Note: Before non-NOAA federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another federal agency in excess of their appropriation. Because this announcement is not proposing to procure goods or services from applicants, the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis.

**Cost Sharing Requirements:** Though cost-sharing is not required, it is encouraged.

**Intergovernmental Review:** Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to find out about and comply with the State's process under EO 12372. The names and addresses of the SPOCs are listed in the Office of

Management and Budget's Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

## 3. Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program Competitive Funding Announcement (Treatment Technology Demonstration Projects)

**Summary Description:** NOAA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Maritime Administration expect to entertain proposals to conduct ballast water treatment technology testing and demonstration projects. The Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program supports projects to develop, test, and demonstrate technologies that treat ships' ballast water in order to reduce the threat of introduction of aquatic invasive species to U.S. waters through the discharge of ballast water.

**Funding Availability:** Depending on FY 2006 appropriations, NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) expect to make available up to about \$2 million, and the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) expects to make available several vessels for use as test platforms, to support ballast water treatment technology demonstration projects. The maximum amount of award will vary with the scale of the proposed project. Depending on the funding available and the number and quality of proposals received, approximately 8 grants with a median value of about \$200,000 are anticipated to be awarded.

**Statutory Authority:** Statutory Authority for this program is provided under 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*; 33 U.S.C. 1121-1131; 46 U.S.C. App 1211 (2000); 50 U.S.C. App 1744 (2000).

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 11.417, Sea Grant Support; 15.FFA Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance.

**Application Deadline:** Pre-proposals must be received by the National Sea Grant Office by 4 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 26, 2005. Full proposals must be received 4 p.m. EST on Friday, December 2, 2005.

**Address for Submitting Proposals:** Pre-proposals must be submitted to the National Sea Grant Office, Attn: Mrs. Geraldine Taylor, SG-Ballast Water, 1315 East-West Highway, R/SG, Rm 11732, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Telephone number for express mail applications is 301-713-2445. Full proposals should be submitted through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). For those applicants without Internet access, hard copy proposals may be sent to the above address.

**Information Contact(s):** Dorn Carlson, NOAA National Sea Grant Office, 301-713-2435; via Internet at [Dorn.Carlson@noaa.gov](mailto:Dorn.Carlson@noaa.gov); or Pamela